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SUBJECT: CAMPAIGN AGAINST PROFITEERS

REF: ALEXANDRIA 0945

1. ALL EVIDENCE OF LAST WEEK'S ACTIVITIES IN ALEXANDRIA INDICATES MININTERIOR AND MINSUPPLY ARE COOPERATING EFFECTIVELY IN A TOUGH CRACKDOWN ON FOOD PROFITEERS.

2. DIRECTOR GENERAL OF SECURITY TOLD US HE KEEPS THREE COLONELS, EACH WITH SQUAD OF DETECTIVES, ON DUTY AT CENTRAL MARKET TO PROVIDE 24 HOUR WATCH ON WHOLESALING ACTIVITIES. SUPPLIERS FOUND TO BE DELIBERATELY WITHHOLDING FOODSTUFFS FROM MARKET ARE BEING ARRESTED.

3. SIZEABLE OPEN AIR MARKET AT VICTORIA STATION IN EASTERN ALEXANDRIA WAS RAIDED SATURDAY BY TWO TRUCKLOADS OF POLICE AND MANY VENDORS ARRESTED. AS IN PREVIOUS INCIDENTS WE HAVE WITNESSED, ARRESTS WERE MORE IN NATURE OF PROTECTIVE CUSTODY AS POLICE FENDED OFF IRATE MOBS CURSING AND TRYING TO HIT PRESUMED FOOD PROFITEER.

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4. POLICE CAME BACK SUNDAY AND RAZED EVERY MARKET STAND AND KIOSK (FORTY OR FIFTY IN ALL), LEAVING ONLY SINGLE GOVERNMENT FRUIT AND VEGETABLE STORE.

5. BOTH SECURITY CHIEF AND (IN INFORMAL SOCIAL CHAT) VACATIONING PRIME MINISTER TOLD US THAT RECENT SHARP RISE IN FOOD PRICES IS DUE ALMOST ENTIRELY TO PROFITEERING. FARMERS ARE GETTING VERY

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LITTLE MORE FOR THEIR CROPS AND ANIMALS. BOTH SOURCES INSIST
DRIVE AGAINST PROFITEERING WILL CONTINUE AND PROFITEERS WILL
NOT BE PERMITTED TO RETURN TO FOOD MARKETING.
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